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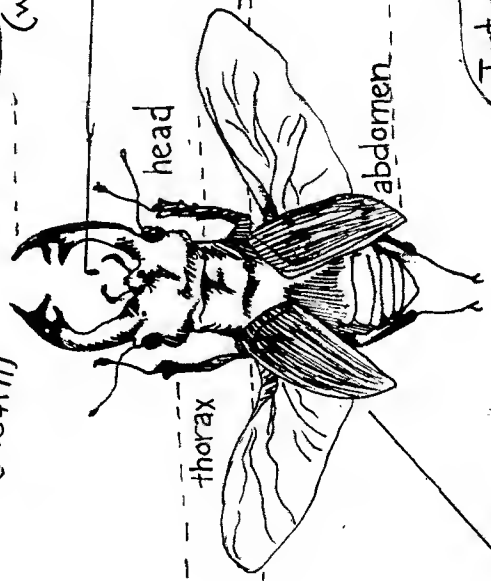
# BETLES

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and  
that's all  
she wrote

# COLEOPTERA



(sheath) head thorax (wing) mouthparts (w/exaggerated mandibles) unfolded wing abdomen elytra

This dude's a stag beetle

Just a few beetle basics here

# BEEZLES BIG JOB

In Agriculture

- help pollinate flowers & crops
- recycling of nutrients in soil by burying & consuming animal poo (the dung beetle most notably)
- control of insect pests (ladybugs feed on aphids) and weeds in the garden and the fields

now that you've got the facts, learn why we couldn't live without em



# SLYFUN!

- \* most species of any insect order, they make up 25% of all living things - 1 of 3 insects is a beetle.
- \* they can adapt to almost any environment!!
- \* beetles eat plants, fungi, and other invertebrates!!!
- \* they undergo complete metamorphosis; that means they develop during a larval & pupal stage (like a butterfly!!!!)
- \* males often have large, dramatic mandibles to compete for female mates!!!!
- \* their strong little bodies & protective elytra have allowed them to dig & squeeze into a variety of inhospitable spaces other insects don't stand a chance in!!!!
- \* beetles have been worshipped by many cultures, from the Ancient Egyptians to the modern day Japanese!!!!

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do you love beetles yet?

